Separating prostitutes from other women prisoners

4354. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has approached Government that prostitutes should be kept separately and not jailed with other women prisoners as motivated by classification;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Women has recommended that the female prisoners population should be composed of only prisoners arrested for criminal offences. Prisoners with socially deviant behaviour such as beggary, prostitution, drug abuse, mental health problems should not be kept in the same prison.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs has sent the recommendation to the State Governments for appropriate action, as prisons is a State subject.

Recovery of unauthorised HRA in KVS

4355. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalaya Principals had been drawing H.R.A. unauthorisedly, prior to December, 2000;

(b) if so the Vidyalaya-wise details of the total amount drawn by each of them;

(c) whether recovery of whole of the unauthorised HRA, drawn upto December, 2000 was condoned;

(d) if so, the justification thereof;

(e) whether the officer condoning it possessed powers of condonation; and

(f) if not, the action taken by the Ministry of recover the loss so caused?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

(c) to (f) As per information received from the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the Commissioner has used the powers vested in him under Rule 22 of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Allotment of Residences)

Rules, for condoning the recovery of amounts due for the period prior to December 2000.

Official Language policy in ICSSR and ICHR

†4356. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Official Language policy of the country has been implemented in the Indian Council of Social Studies Research and Indian Council of Historical Research;

(b) if so, the details regarding the form in which it has been implemented; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ICSSR and ICHR have informed that their Annual Report is printed both in Hindi and English and all the letters received in Hindi are replied in Hindi.

(c) Does not arise.

Committees on Official Language in ICHR and ICSSR

†4357. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Committees on Implementation of Official Language have been constituted in Indian Council of Historical Research and Indian Council of Social Studies Research, which are financed by the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details regarding the dates of their meetings held during the last two years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the said Committees would be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) As informed by ICHR, a Committee on implementation of Official Language has been constituted. Meetings of the Committee were held on 6.9.1999, 15.9.1999 and 21.12.1999. ICSSR has informed that their Committee on implementation of Official Language is in the process of being constituted.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.